

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
April 11, 2016**

PRESENT: Karen Hood, Neil Kraner, Kathryn Miller, Shirley Ryan, Donna Snyder, Bruce Sullivan; **Staff Present:** Sandra Yost

GUESTS: Jane Johnson

In Dr. Barwick's absence, acting Chairman Neil Kraner confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Karen Hood, the Commission voted (6-0-0) to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016 as written.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Josie Klein is the volunteer of the month for March for bringing the Days for Girls program to the Senior Center.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Activities

- Marisa DeLuca, Program Assistant, is presently working on programming for May and June.
- May is Stroke Awareness Month.
- A balance workshop conducted by a local physical therapist will be scheduled.
- The annual Veteran's Luncheon will be held in mid-May and is free for veterans.
- The budget hearing will be held at the high school tonight at 7:00 p.m.
- A public session on the Plan of Conservation and Development will be held April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room. The plan is reviewed every ten years. The document does discuss Granby's aging population and the need for housing for the elderly, transportation, etc. It does not talk about the need for adult day care, which was brought up as an issue during the Senior Center's reaccreditation last year. Ms. Yost encouraged representation from the Commission at the session. Shirley Ryan will attend, along with Karen Hood if her schedule allows. Members of the Commission can send their input to Shirley at: chairgram@cox.net.

b. Transportation

- Cindy Giraloma, Senior Center Van Driver has been exploring the possibility of overnight trips. Because the senior vans are not conducive to long trips, she has also contacted Premier Limousine to get information on their fleet.

- Ms. Yost stated that the Senior Center now has a Road Scholar catalog that features educational adventures.
- Shirley Ryan inquired about the possibility of trips to the Bushnell. Any recommendations are always welcome and this will be passed on to the Program Assistant.
- Ms. Yost picked up the new mini-van in New York last week. She thanked the Senior Club for their \$8,000 donation toward the purchase of the van.

SENIOR CLUB

- The checkbook balance is \$1,904.57.
- Bruce Sullivan stated there have been inquiries about where the Senior Club money comes from. The town-wide mailing netted \$6,501. Other fundraisers included the wine event at Lost Acres Orchard which brought in \$1,870, while the amaryllis sale and ice cream socials brought in approximately \$1,000.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jane Johnson stated she attended a Democratic Town Meeting and introduced herself and she has not yet heard back from them. Ms. Yost stated the Commission meeting is open to the public and she is more than welcome to continue attending as a guest.

NEW BUSINESS

- Donna Snyder reported on the ad hoc committee which was formed to explore ways to provide resources for individuals caring for seniors with health issues. The committee consists of Donna Snyder, Patty Sansone, Nancy Scheetz and David Watkins. They have met twice so far. They reviewed information from the accreditation and survey. Two common themes are the need for adult day care and transportation. The committee is currently at the 'baseline stage' of looking at what exists and where. So far, they have been in contact with the senior centers of Canton, Simsbury and East Granby and the Farmington Valley Health District. Nancy Scheetz has provided business cards for a variety of contacts. The committee will meet again on April 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Neil Kraner, seconded by Karen Hood, the Commission voted (6-0-0) to adjourn at 2:08 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary